

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joe Galloway on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Joe Galloway is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as a teacher, coach, and mentor at Lookout Valley Middle School and Lookout Valley High School (LVHS); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway took a much deserved retirement on May 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, known for his smiling face and for being a compassionate mentor to his students, Joe Galloway has invested his time and his heart into countless students and has proudly watched hundreds walk across the stage to receive their diplomas; and

WHEREAS, when his children were enrolled at Valley View Elementary School, Mr. Galloway gave of his time and many talents as a play day volunteer, getting to know the students from a young age and working to help them achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Joe Galloway is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including raising money for the Lookout Valley Lions Club and the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association by playing golf for these organizations at their tournaments; and

WHEREAS, though he is humble about his life's accomplishments, his awards and accolades have been many; Mr. Galloway coached the 1980 LVHS baseball team when they won the State Championship; coached girls' basketball teams through countless district and regional championships; and coached the 1990 and 1991 middle school football championship teams; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Joe Galloway was named Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Athletic Director of the Year; in 2005, his name was added to the Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame; and the gymnasium in which he spent so many years coaching also bears his name; and

WHEREAS, greatly esteemed by his colleagues, Mr. Galloway set a wonderful example of an educator who worked tirelessly to educate the minds and nurture the hearts of their students, teaching them how to become valuable citizens and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, though he is taking his retirement from teaching, Mr. Galloway plans to continue in his role as a coach and a mentor to the athletes of Lookout Valley; and

WHEREAS, a man with a sterling resume and a career gilded with success, Mr. Galloway still points to his family as his most noteworthy accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Joe Galloway exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, those who learned under his guidance say they are better people because of his impact on their lives, which they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Galloway has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, students, and athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Joe Galloway our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.